GOVERNMNET OF ANDHRA PRADESH ABSTRACT

Public Services-T&A Service- Mahaboobnagar Dist. – Irregularities noticed in the Headquarters Sub-Treasury Office, Mahaboobnagar – Departmental action initiated against Sri P. Anjaneyulu, S.T.O. (Retd.)-Imposition of penalty of 30% cut in pension for a period of (5) years-Orders-issued.

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FINANCE (ADMN.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 117

Dt: 21 .04.2012, Read the following;

- 1. Charge Memo. No. A3/448/2001, dt. 17-2-2003 of the Deputy Director, Dist. Treasury, Mahaboobnagar.
- 2. Explanation of Sri P. Anjaneyulu, S.T.O. (Retd.) dt. 16-4-2004
- 3. Proceedings No. B2/2635/2003, dt. 8-8-2003 of the R.J.D., Hyd.
- 4. Inquiry Report dt. 5-10-2004.
- 5. Govt. Memo. No. 17869/586/A1/Admn.III/2005, dt. 17-8-2005 Finance (Admn.III) Dept.
- 6. Representation of Sri P. Anjanevulu, S.T.O. (Retd.), dt. 2-11-2005.
- 7. Govt. Memo. No. 17869/586/A1/Admn.III/2005, dt. 25-5-2007 Finance (Admn.III) Dept.
- 8. Representation of Sri P. Anjanevulu, S.T.O. (Retd.), dt. 5-7-2007.
- 9. Govt. Memo.No. 17869/586/A1/Admn.III/2005, dt. 06.10.2007,
- 10. Explanation of Sri P. Anjaneyulu, S.T.O. (Retd.) dt.18.08.2009,
- 11. Lr. No. 17869/586/A1/Admn.III/2005, dt. 29.12.2011 to the Secy., APPSC, Hyderabad,
- 12. From the Secretary, APPSC, Hyderabad, Lr.No.115/RT-I/1/2012, dt. 19.01.2012.

Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub-Treasury officer, while working at Headquarters Sub-Treasury, Mahabubnagar has committed certain irregularities and in the reference 1st cited, the Deputy Director, Dist. Treasury, Mahaboobnagar has initiated disciplinary action and framed the following (9) charges;

Charge-I: -

- Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub-Treasury officer (Retd.) Hqrs. Sub-Treasury Office, Mahaboobnagar has committed the following irregularities while functioning as Sub-Treasury Officer at Head quarters Sub-Treasury Office, Mahaboobnagar during the month of 10/2002,
 - a) the closing balances of Rs.35,224=00 in respect of Doddalon Pally Village from the old register brought forwarded in to the new register as Rs.46, 205=00 as opening balances as on 21-07-2001 resulted excess amount of Rs. 10,981=00 in the village.

- b) The opening balance of Rs.6,746=00 in respect of Fathepoor village register added Rs.2,153=00 with out any reason
- c) The closing balance in old register of Yadira (m) Rs. 1,26,886=25 where as O.B., has been taken in new register as Rs. 1,23,886-25 as on 18.07.2001 resulted 3,000=00 less posted
- d) In Yadira (S) V.P. closing balance in old register for Rs.146=00 where as showing the opening balance in new ledger as Rs.1,646=00 resulted 1,500=00 excess posted
- e) In Gunjalpad Village Panchayat the opening balance in the old register Rs.371=00 but the opening balance taken in new register as 271=00 that is less 100=00 taken
- f) In the Khajipoor village the closing balance in the old register Rs.630=00 but opening balance taken in new register Rs.818=00 as on 08.10.2001. the difference Rs. 188=00 is excess posted
- g) In the Keshavapoor village the closing balance of old register was Rs. 29,054=00 where as balance brought forwarded to the new register as Rs.30,565=00 as on 21.07.2001. resulted that Rs.1,511=00 is in excess posting

The same analogy of mistakes took place for the villages of Garlaped, Gurukunta, Chowdoor, Kusur, Rayiryala, Devarkadra resulted in not tallying the plus and minus balances, which clearly show the negligence of officer concerned. Hence charge.

Charge-II:-

There was a (-) balances in the following villages for the amounts moved against the villages under 11th Finance Commission.

- a) **Koilkonda:** As verified the Koilkonda XI Finance Commission Village Panchayath ledgers an amount Rs. 89,732.10 forth coming as per calculation. It is found that Rs.84480.10, which is due to wrong subtraction of Rs. 5, 252/- and excess posted in the ledgers on 31.12.2002.
- b) **KISTAMPALLY**: As verified ledger of the village, it is observed DTO Adj.No.118, dt.18.03.2002 for Rs.14,299/- was adjusted but the Asst. Treasury Officer has posted in the ledger as Rs.74,299/- resulting Rs.60,000/- excess posted in the ledger.
- c) <u>CHANDAPUR</u>:- As verified from the 11th Finance Commission ledgers it is observed that there was a balance of Rs.7,401/- as on 11.04.2002, whereas the Asst. Treasury Officer admitted the cheque on 17.04.2002 for Rs.8,000/- resulted a minus balance of Rs.599/-. Subsequently, the minus balance remitted on 21.11.2002 vides challen No.269.
- d) <u>HAJILAPUR</u>:- The Dist. Treasury Office, Mahaboobnagr adjustment No.118 dt.12.03.2002 for Rs.5817/- only whereas, the Asst. Treasury Officer has posted the ledger as Rs.10,271/- resulted in Rs. 4560 /-as excess in the ledger.
- e) <u>Pomal:</u> Tthe Dist. Treasury Office, Mahaboobnagar adjusted with No.118, on 12.03.02 for an amount of Rs. 17,414/- to the village whereas, Asst. Treasury Officer has admitted cheques up to 20,000/- due to which there was Rs.2586/- minus balance.
- f) <u>AJILAPUR</u>:- In Dist. Treasury Office, Mahaboobnagar with adjustment No.118, on 11.03.2002 for Rs. 10,371/- was adjusted to the village, but the Asst. Treasury Officer has posted as Rs.5817/- against the said amount.

- g) **GUNJALPAD:-** In Dist. Treasury office, Mahaboobnagar with adjustment No.118, on 18.03.2002 for an amount of Rs.6226/- adjusted to the village whereas, the Asst. Treasury officer has admitted the cheque No. 055740 on 16.04.2002 for Rs.9000/- due to which Rs.2774/-minus balance took place.
- h) <u>JAKARAM</u>:- In Dist Treasury Office, Mahaboobnagar with adjustment No.118, on 18.03.2002 for Rs.9503/- was adjusted to the village, whereas, the Asst. Treasury officer has admitted the cheque on 16.02.2002 for Rs.12000/- due to which Rs.2497/- minus balance took place.
- i) <u>AMISTAPUR</u>:- Against the budget allotment of Rs. 35,325 posted Rs.36325/due to the excess posting of Rs.1000/-.

Charge-III:-

Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub-Treasury Officer, Sub-Treasury office (Hqrs.) Mahaboobnagar has not showed minimum responsibility while he was working as Sub-Treasury officer (Hqrs.), Mahaboobnagar in sending plus and minus memos duly reconciling with T.A. 22 V.P. Fund ledgers. Thus (32) Village Panchyats plus and minus memos have not been tallied since February 1999 on wards, Hence Charge.

Charge-IV:-

Sri P. Anjanyulu, Sub-Treasury Officer, (Hqrs.) Sub-Treasury office, Mahaboobnagar has not showed any responsibility in up dating and maintaining records of V.P. Funds Ledgers of (Hqrs.) Mahaboobnagar. He has failed to adjust the (10) T.D. adjustments received by him from April-2002 to December - 2002 till 31.12.2002 which is irregular on his part. Hence charge.

Charge-V:-

- Sri P. Anjanyulu, Sub-Treasury Officer, Sub –Treasury Office(Hqrs.) Mahaboobnagar has not taken any pain to verify while attesting in the entries in the ledgers due to which the following defects are noticed.
- i) T.D. adjustment No.38 Hanwada villege for Rs.4030/- dt. 08.05.2002 vide token No.1710000297-B dt. 18.05.2002 adjusted but this said amount has not been posted in the Hanwada V.P. Fund ledger.
- ii) T.D. adjustment No.210, dt.10.10.2002 for an amount of Rs.11, 22,980/related to Municipal General Fund bill amount adjusted at Sub-Treasury level which is irregular, Municipal general fund as it has to be adjusted at the Dist. Treasury level. The matter has not been intimated to the Dist. Treasury. Hence charge.

Charge-VI:-

- Sri P. Anjanyulu, Sub-Treasury Officer, (Retd.), Sub-Treasury office (Hqrs.) Mahaboobnagar has violated instructions issued in G.O.Ms.No.507 Fin & Plg (TFR) Deptt., dt.10.04.2002 with regard to audit certification.
- a) Xerox copy of audit certificate was obtained by the Sub-Treasury Office without attestation of the D.P.O.,/D.L.P.O., for certain villages. Hence charge.

b) The village Panchayats cheques pertaining to (10) villages mentioned in the ref. 1st read above were admitted and passed by the Sub-Treasury Officer during the period covered by the inspection without audit certification.

Charge-VII:-

Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub-Treasury Officer (Retd.), Hq) Sub-Treasury office, Mahaboobnagar has violated the office procedure in having posted the cheques enfaced by him without routing through the Section Accountant.

Charge-VIII:-

Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub-Treasury Officer, (Hq.) Sub-Treasury office, Mahaboobnagar has deviated the instruction of the DTA A.P. Hyderabad with regard to work distribution between the ATO and STO.

Charge-IX(1):-

It was alleged that he has failed to point out a cheque bearing No.329415, dt.11.05.2001 for Rs. 3,400/- under VP Agiryal instead of Ravoryal, resulting in minus balance. The Sub-Treasury officer might have taken least care while passing the cheque. Even after correcting the wrong posting also the minus balance has resulted and continued upto March, 2002.

Charge-IX(2):-

It was alleged that the charged officer has admitted two cheques i.e., No. 406917, dt. 09.11.1999 for Rs.8000/- and No. 406918, dt. 26.11.1999 for Rs. 6885/- without balance under VR Fund Yenmangadla, the minus balance continued upto 14.12.1999. The Sub-Treasury officer might have taken initiative and arrived at the progressive totals before passing of the cheques, instead of throwing the blame on the Junior Accountant.

Charge-IX(3) (a to e):-

It was alleged that the charged Officer has failed to point out certain wrong postings and omissions with regard to Yenugonda village. He, the Sub-Treasury officer instead of throwing the responsibility on the Junior Accountant. he would have taken upto date measures in proper maintenance of the respective ledger folios.

Charge-IX(f):-

It was alleged that the charged officer has failed to point out the wrong postings of challan No. 1319, dt. 10.12.2001 pertains to Dagada village of Kollapur Taluk in Village panchayat fund Deverkadra. And he also omitted the posting of challan No. 291 for Rs. 1665/- in V.P. Fund Deverkadra. The Sub–Treasury officer has failed to identify the mistake committed by his subordinate.

Charge-IX(g):-

It was alleged that a grant of Rs. 5056/-, dt.01.08.2000 and Rs. 5481/-totaling to Rs. 10,537/- has been posted in the ledger by oversight and later rectified. It can be clearly understood that the Sub-Treasury officer has failed to perform his job as expected.

Charge-IX(h):-

It was alleged that the charged officer has failed to arrive at correct closing balance after transactions, resulting in less of Rs.3,000/- in V.P. Fund Edira. This clearly revealed that the Sub-Treasury officer has failed to take proper care while attesting the entries.

- 2. In the reference 2nd read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his written statement of defence. The explanation of the individual was not considered as it was not convincing.
- 3. Not satisfied with the written statement of defence, Enquiry Officer was appointed to conduct regular enquiry in the reference 3rd read above. The Enquiry officer has submitted his report in the reference 4th read above. The Enquiry Officer has reported that (7) out of the (9) charges were proved except the Charges V & VI. At this time also the Charged Officer has not raised any objection regarding the competency of the Deputy Director, Dist. Treasury, Mahaboobnagar in issuing Charge Memo.
- 4. In the reference 5th read above, Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub-Treasury officer (Retd.), the charged Officer was given an opportunity under Rule 21 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 and requested to submit his representation on the Enquiry Officer's Report.
- 5. In the reference 6th read above, the Charged Officer has submitted his representation wherein he has raised the competency of the Deputy Director, Dist. Treasury, Mahaboobnagar in issuing Charge Memo. to him after his retirement.
- 6. Government after detailed examination of the matter while furnishing a copy of the Enquiry Report to the Charged Officer ratified the action of the then Deputy Director, Dist. Treasury, Mahaboobnagar in issuing Charge Memo to the retired charged Officer and informed the same to the individual through the reference 7th read above.
- 7. In the reference 8th read above, Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub-Treasury officer (Retd.) has submitted his further representation in which he has not raised any new grounds other than those raised in his earlier representation.
- 8. Government after careful examination of the matter provisionally decided to impose a penalty of withholding of 30% of his monthly pension for a period of 5 years under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 against Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub–Treasury officer. (Retd.). Accordingly, in the reference 9th read above, Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub–Treasury officer (Retd.), O/o. Headquarters Sub-Treasury, Mahaboobnagar was directed to explain as to why a punishment of withholding of 30% of his monthly pension for a period of 5 years should not be imposed on him under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 for the charges held proved in the departmental proceedings.

- 9. Sri P. Anjaneyulu, Sub-Treasury officer (Retd.) has submitted his explanation in the ref. 10th read above to the show cause notice issued in the ref. 9th read above. Wherein, he has stated the lapses were of routine in nature and that the transactions were looked into by the Asst. Treasury Officer only and that he had no responsibility.
- 10. The above explanation of the Charged Officer is found not convincing on grounds that the Charged Officer is equally responsible for processing of the wrong transactions proved in the enquiry and he cannot shirk his responsibility because the Asst. Treasury Officer had ultimately approved the pay orders. Further, Sri M. Hussain the then Asst. Treasury Officer was awarded with the penalty of stoppage of one annual grade increment with cumulative effect for the charges proved against him. In the ref. 11th read above, the APPSC was requested to concur the proposed punishment of 30% cut in pension for a period of (5) years against Sri P. Anjaneyulu, STO(Retd.) for the charges proved in the enquiry. The APPSC, Hyderabad in their letter 12th read above have concurred the proposal of the Government.
- 11. Government, after careful examination of the case hereby order to impose the punishment of 30% cut in pension for a period of (5) years in respect of Sri P. Anjaneyulu, STO(Retd.) under Rule 9 of APRP Rules, 1980 for charges proved in the enquiry.
- 12. The DTA, AP., Hyderabad shall take necessary action, accordingly.

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To

The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad, The individual through the Director of Treasuries and Accounts, AP., Hyderabad, Copy to;

The Accountant General, A.P., Hyderabad.

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